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COASTAL GA.

ARMSTRONG

72	Final	1	2	T	61
	COASTAL GA. (5-4)	35	37	72	
	ARMSTRONG (4-1)	31	30	61	





Posted: Nov 22, 2011

SAVANNAH, Ga. - Coastal Georgia's Olivia Melvin hit 9-of-18 shots from the floor, including 6-of-10 three-pointers, to lead the Mariners to a 72-61 win over host Armstrong Atlantic State University on Tuesday evening at Alumni Arena, handing the Pirates their first loss of the season.

The Pirates (4-1) shot just 34.3 percent from the floor and hit only 3-of-16 threes, while the Mariners (5-4) hit 5-of-8 threes in the second half to pull away with the victory.

With the score tied 53-53 with 8:11 remaining, Armstrong missed its next seven shots from the floor and committed five turnovers to allow Coastal Georgia to go on a 10-0 run over the five and a half minute stretch. The Pirates cut the lead to six on a layup by **Amber Ford** and, after a missed free throw on the three-point play attempt, **Mauri Wells'** offensive rebound and follow bucket coming with 2:22 left, but Melvin scored two free throws and hit a three-pointer over the next minute to put the game away.

GAME LEADERS

COASTAL GA.

Pts: Olivia Melvin - 28

Reb: Lanajia Ernest - 10

Ast: Lanajia Ernest - 8

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Pts: 2 Players (**#15**, **#23**) - 12

Reb: **Mauri Wells** - 18

Ast: **Dee Hayward** - 4

TEAM STATS

COASTAL GA.

ARMSTRONG

(26-59)

Field Goals

(24-70)

44.1%

Field Goal %

34.3%

Wells notched her fifth straight double-double with 12 points and a career high-tying 18 points to lead the Pirates, while **Karolina Rykowska** chipped in 12 points and four blocked shots and **Angelia Hill** added 11 points.

In addition to Melvin's night for the Mariners, Lanajia Ernest added a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds and Courtney Saunders added 13 points.

"We did not play very well tonight, honestly we struggled," Armstrong head coach Matt Schmidt said. "We started off the beginning of the season with a great 4-0 start and we played extremely poor tonight.

"I think the game was a lot more mental rather than physical, playing as a team and getting inside touches along with being able to knock down shots, which we weren't able to do."

Armstrong breaks for Thanksgiving but will be next in action on Tuesday, November 29, hosting Edward Waters at 5:30 p.m. at Alumni Arena.

40	Rebounds	46
13	Assists	13
19	Turnovers	20
23	Pts off Turnovers	23
9	2nd Chance Pts	13
30	Pts in the Paint	22
20	Fastbreak Pts	8
34	Bench Pts	21

FULL STATS



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